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FOR THE SECRETARY

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: MONROVIA SCENARIO

REF: SECTO 11162

FOLLOWING POINTS KEYED TO NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS SECTO 11162:

1. ACCORDING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, LIBERIAN PROTOCOL REQUIRES CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO MEET VISITOR AND ESCORT HIM TO WAITING FOREIGN MINISTER. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AGREES THAT HE AND AMBASSADOR WILL NOT BOARD AIRCRAFT BUT WILL MEET SECRETARY AT DOOR OF AIRCRAFT AT TOP OF BOARDING RAMP.

2. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WILL PASS TO PRESIDENT'S STAFF SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE FOR CHAT AT BEGINNING OF 2:55 P.M. MEETING. PRESIDENT WILL HAVE NOTETAKER PRESENT. SIGNALS HERE ARE THAT US ASSISTANCE WILL FIGURE LARGELY IN TALK WITH TOLBERT. STRONGLY URGE INCLUSION USAID DIRECTOR STANLEY J. SIEGEL IN MEETING.

3. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WILL ARRANGE WITH PRESIDENT'S STAFF FOR DELIVERY OF GIFT TO GUEST HOUSE. HE HAS NO INFORMATION ON NATURE OF GIFT.

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4. IT HAS NOW BEEN ARRANGED THAT FOR PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S TOAST AND SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND TOAST A TABLE-TOP PODIUM WITH MICROPHONE WILL BE MOVED INTO PLACE ON HEAD TABLE JUST PRIOR TO PRESIDENT'S RISING TO SPEAK.

5. GOL REGARDS CULTURAL PERFORMANCE AS A HIGH POINT OF THE VISIT. MINISTER OF INFORMATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM HAS SENT OUT INVITATIONS TO GREAT NUMBER OF PERSONS DESCRIBED MONROVIA 2959. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SAID THAT WHILE OFFICIAL PROGRAM, NOW PRINTED, INCLUDES PRESS CONFERENCE AT GUEST HOUSE AT 7:30 A.M. MAY 1, SCHEDULE WILL ACTUALLY NOW BE:

8:00 A.M. FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES TO ESCORT SECRETARY TO AIRPORT.

8:05 A.M. MOTORCADE TO AIRPORT-40 MINUTES.

8:45 A.M. DEPARTURE CEREMONIES, INCLUDING BRIEF STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER, DEPARTURE STATEMENT BY SECRETARY, Q AND A FOR 10 MINUTES.

9:00 A.M. DEPART FOR DAKAR.

6. THIS ITEM WILL BE COVERED IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

7. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT ALL OF OFFICIAL PARTY PLUS CHARLES HILL SHOULD RECEIVE INVITATIONS TO PRESIDENT'S DINNER AND WILL ATTEND, AND THAT OTHER ACCOMPANYING STAFF WILL NOT. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SO INFORMED.

8. BAREBONES SCHEDULE BEING SENT BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. CARTER

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